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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Administration)

SUBJECT: Proposed Regulation of Agency Programs  
Affecting the Employment, Development,  
and Tenure of Personnel

1. I concur in the above proposed regulation provided that it is thoroughly understood that the Medical Staff, whose responsibilities are outlined in paragraph 2b, do not include a routine relationship between the doctor and patient as a privileged document. I would not consider a routine relationship to be a highly personal report of a psychiatric nature.

2. As I explained to you, we cannot perform our basic functions of recruitment, assignment, promotion, reassignment, and separation without information from the Medical Staff which might have a bearing on these basic actions, and we cannot take action for compensation with the Bureau of Employees Compensation unless a full report is given to us.

3. I feel sure that you understand our position in this matter, and I am as anxious as you are to get this regulation out and settle the whole matter.

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